



Republic of the Philippines

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS

COMMISSION EN BANC

RESOLUTION NO. 05, SERIES OF 2023

AN ENBANC RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO THE PASSAGE INTO LAW OF SENATE BILL NO. 1609 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "PROTECTION OF STUDENTS' RELIGIOUS BELIEFS ACT"

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the State to ensure the rights and well-being of Muslim Filipinos with due regard to their beliefs, customs, traditions and institutions, as well as to further ensure their contribution to national goals and aspirations and to make them active participants in nation-building;

**WHEREAS**, the passage into law of SB No. 1609 is imbued with Muslim Filipino interest considering that the passage into law of this Act redounds directly to the Muslim youth;

**WHEREAS**, acts of discrimination—both documented and undocumented—on the basis of one's religious beliefs is still persistent while Muslims are usually the victim;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the Commission to act as frontliners in efforts to protect the Muslim youth from any forms of discrimination and violence due to their culture and belief;

**WHEREAS**, the objectives of SB No. 1609 is aligned with the *raison d'être* of the Commission *i.e.* to protect and uphold the interest and welfare of Muslim Filipinos;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the Commission to express its strong support to the passage into law of SB No. 1609 and to commend Senator Robinhood C. Padilla who authored this proposed law;

**NOW, WHEREFORE**, in view of the foregoing upon motion of Commissioner Yusoph J. Mando, and unanimously seconded, the Commission **RESOLVES** as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to express its strong support for the passage into law of SB No. 1609 as well its commendation for its author, Senator Robinhood C. Padilla. **RESOLVED FURTHER** to direct the Bureau of Legal Affairs (BLA) to submit within fifteen (15) days from the approval hereof, a position paper on SB No. 382 to the office of Senator Gatchalian subject to the approval of the Commission.

**APPROVED AND SIGNED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 in Quezon City, Philippines.

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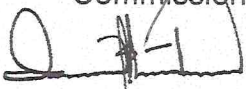
  
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